

ROCKEFELLER IN  
FEDERAL COURTOil Magnate for First Time Ap-  
pears in Court in Probing of  
Standard Oil.WILLING WITNESS BUT  
VERY UNSATISFACTORYSays He Hasn't Had Anything  
to Do with Running the Oil  
Trust for Twelve Years—  
Crowd Fights to See Him.

By Associated Press.

CHICAGO, July 6.—John D. Rocke-  
feller occupied the witness stand in the  
district court today while Judge Landis  
plied him with questions regarding the  
financial strength of the business meth-  
ods of the corporation of which he is  
the head.

Rockefeller was a very willing and  
equally unsatisfactory witness. He was  
ready to tell all he knew, but he said  
that he knew practically nothing. The  
net result of the examination was that  
he believed that during the years 1903,  
1904 and 1905, the period covered by  
the indictments on which the Standard  
Oil of Indiana was recently convicted,  
the net profits of the Standard Oil of  
New Jersey were approximately 40 per  
cent of the outstanding capitalization  
of a hundred million. The investigation  
held today was instituted for the ex-  
press purpose of determining whether  
or not the Standard Oil of Indiana is  
really owned by the Standard Oil Com-  
pany of New Jersey; whether the Union  
Tank Line, whose cars are used for the  
shipments made in violation of the law,  
are similarly owned, and also to obtain  
an idea of the financial resources of the  
convicted corporation in order to induce  
a fine proportionate to the offense.

## Own Other Companies

It was stated by officers of the Stand-  
ard Oil of New Jersey that it owned the  
greater part of the stock of both the  
Union Tank Line and the Standard Oil  
of Indiana. Specific figures as to the  
net earnings of the parent corporation  
were given by Charles M. Pratt, secre-  
tary, and they are close to the estimate  
given by Rockefeller.

The prospective appearance of the man  
reputed to be the richest man in the  
world brought about a spectacle the  
like of which has not been witnessed  
in Chicago courtrooms. The hour set  
for the appearance was 10 o'clock and  
at hour before that time the hall out-  
side the courtroom door was densely  
packed by a crowd, all of whom were  
anxious to obtain seats and hear the  
testimony.

A large squad of deputy marshals  
under the direction of United States  
Marshal Hoy and numerous details of  
police were on hand, but they were at  
times unable to control the crowd. The  
crowd was so dense that frequent cries  
for assistance were heard when people  
were jammed against the wall  
begged for relief.

Admission to the courtroom was by  
rare only, but many people succeeded  
in evading the guards.

## Had to Call Police

After the courtroom was filled the  
crowd became so heavy and insistent  
that the marshal was compelled to tele-  
phone to police headquarters for fur-  
ther assistance. This was promptly  
sent and the crowd was held in check.

Inside the courtroom perfect order  
prevailed. John D. Rockefeller and  
William Rockefeller arrived at the fed-  
eral building in the automobile of Har-  
old M. McCormick, son-in-law of Rocke-  
feller, at 9:30 o'clock. The party first  
crossed the street to the offices of the  
Standard Oil and after remaining a  
short time returned to the federal build-  
ing. The party was compelled to halt  
at the building, while the police fought  
with the crowd. Five local detectives  
and a number of secret service men  
gathered closely around Rockefeller,  
protecting him from the crush and pos-  
sible injury at the hands of some crank.  
Rockefeller when taken to the court-  
room was shown a seat to the left of the  
judge's desk.

## Want to See Magnate

There was considerable excitement  
among the crowd and some confusion  
resulted from the efforts made by all  
the spectators to obtain a quick view of  
him. He looked around with some curi-  
osity for a moment and then commenced  
whispered conversation with one of his  
attorneys. The marshal approached and  
asked:

"Are you comfortable here, Mr.  
Rockefeller?"

"Perfectly, thank you. I am all  
right," he answered.

William Rockefeller, who had been  
sitting behind his brother, came forward  
in response to a signal and sat by John  
D. John D. Archbold sat beside Wil-  
liam, and grouped around them were C.  
M. Pratt, secretary of the Standard Oil;  
William P. Howe, P. C. Barstow, as-  
sistant treasurer of the company;  
Charles T. Waite, assistant secretary; J.  
A. Moffat, president of the Standard  
Oil of Indiana; W. H. Cowan, vice pres-  
ident, and I. Stahl, secretary and treas-  
urer of the same corporation. Other  
witnesses in the group were W. E. Mel-  
ton, president, and William Hutchinson,  
secretary and treasurer of the Union  
Tank Line. Fred Wann, former freight  
agent of the Chicago & Alton, and a  
number of attorneys completed the  
group.

Before the hearing began, Judge Lan-  
dis disposed of several other matters,  
among them the sentencing of several

prisoners for violation of the postal  
laws.

Rockefeller showed great interest in  
the proceedings and listened intently to  
every word.

When the Standard Oil investigation  
case was called attorneys for the com-  
pany stepped forward to Judge Landis'  
desk. Here Attorneys Miller and Rosen-  
thal began an earnest plea that Rocke-  
feller be excused from the stand. They  
explained to the judge that he could  
give no information that could not be  
better obtained from other sources.

They declared that he could in fact  
tell nothing of what the judge desired  
to know. The judge, however, refused  
to vacate the subpoena and insisted that  
Rockefeller take the stand and testify  
to the best of his ability.

Attorneys for the company offered an  
objection that the proceedings were en-  
tirely outside the jurisdiction of the  
court.

The judge overruled the motion.

Miller then declared that the defense  
objected to every question put to every  
witness during the proceedings. The  
court replied:

"Every objection is overruled."

Frederick A. Wann, former general  
freight agent of the Chicago & Alton,  
was called and questioned regarding the  
rate at which oil should have been  
shipped from Whiting, Ind., to East St.  
Louis. The witness replied that he is-  
sued an instruction for a ten-cent rate.

## Rockefeller's Testimony

Mr. Rockefeller's testimony was as  
follows:

"Mr. Rockefeller," asked the judge,  
"have you any connection with the  
Standard Oil company?"

"I am president of the Standard Oil  
Company of New Jersey," said Rocke-  
feller deliberately. "The position is  
purely an honorary one and has been  
for the last nine or ten years," he re-  
sponded. "I have taken no actual part  
in its affairs during that time."

"What is the outstanding capital  
stock of the Standard Oil of New Jer-  
sey?" asked the judge.

"Object," said Miller.

"Overruled."

"I believe about one hundred million  
outstanding," said Rockefeller. "I do  
not state this definitely, your honor."

"You think it is about a hundred mil-  
lions?"

"That is my idea."

Rockefeller spoke very deliberately,  
invariably looking toward his attorneys  
before answering the questions, but lis-  
tening closely to the judge as the latter  
was leaning toward the oil magnate,  
and slowly enunciating his questions.

"Generally speaking," resumed the  
judge, "what is the business of the  
Standard Oil of New Jersey?"

"Production of oil," succinctly re-  
plied Rockefeller and the crowd smiled.

More Objections

Then Miller again objected to this  
line of questioning. The judge over-  
ruled the objection and Rockefeller re-  
sumed the answer.

"Your honor," said he, "I have so  
long been out of this business that I  
could not well answer the questions. It  
is a dozen years since I have been  
actively related with its affairs. It is  
eight or ten years since I have ever  
been in the office at all."

"Well, what is your general impres-  
sion of what business the Standard Oil  
is?"

"They have refineries to refine oil.  
This is as near as I can say without a  
study of the charter."

"Does the Standard Oil of New Jer-  
sey own any stock in the Standard  
Oil?"

"Object," instantly from Miller. He  
offered lengthy objections to the ques-  
tions of indirect ownership in the course  
of which he said the government "has  
a purpose in this investigation."

"What do you mean by 'purpose'?"  
asked the court.

"I have seen such statements in the  
papers."

Judge Talks Business

"I will say for the information of  
counsel," replied the judge, "that the  
government has no part in this particu-  
lar inquiry. It is pertinent for the court  
to prosecute an investigation to obtain  
knowledge of the wealth of this corpora-  
tion. Have you any impression, Mr.  
Rockefeller, that the Standard Oil of  
New Jersey is interested in any other  
refineries than those mentioned?"

"I only know of the operations of  
refineries in New Jersey owned by the  
Standard Oil of New Jersey."

"Do you know if it controls other  
companies?"

"I do not know; it may be so."

In reply to further questioning the  
witness explained that he could not say  
that the company had any other busi-  
ness than the refining of oil.

"You are rather technical," he con-  
cluded.

"What were the dividends of Stand-  
ard Oil of New Jersey in 1905?"

"I cannot say, but approximately 40  
per cent."

This concluded the questioning of  
Judge Landis and District Attorney  
Sims asked if the witness was familiar  
with the circumstances surrounding the  
formation of the Standard Oil of Indi-  
ana.

"I don't think I care for that," said  
Judge Landis.

"What officers of the Standard Oil  
will be able to give me the earnings of  
Standard Oil during 1904 and 1905?"

"I think possibly Mr. Archbold or  
Mr. Pratt."

"That is all for the present," said  
the court.

Rockefeller gazed around in an ab-  
sent minded way and was told by the  
bailiff that he was through for the pres-  
ent.

BRITISH STEAMER HITS  
ROCK AND GOES DOWN

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MADRID, July 6.—A dispatch re-  
ceived here from Coruebio says the  
British steamer Denewell, from Genoa  
to Larmer, struck the rocks two miles  
off Cape Fanisterne and went to the  
bottom. The crew was saved.

HAYWOOD COUNSEL  
PLANNING FINALEWill Start Tomorrow to Smash  
Story of Orchard of Bradley  
House Explosion.HAYWOOD TAKES THE  
STAND ABOUT WEDNESDAYDefense Will Not Call Steve  
Adams—Direct Evidence of  
Haywood Will Give Prosecu-  
tion Much Leeway.

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BOISE, Idaho, July 6.—Counsel for  
the defense in the Haywood case had  
an extended conference today both at  
their downtown office and in the day  
cell of Moyer, Haywood and Pet-  
tibone in the county jail. It was stated  
afterward that it would be Wednesday  
before Haywood takes the oath as a wit-  
ness in his own behalf. The program  
as it now stands is to begin Monday by  
reading depositions taken in San Fran-  
cisco as to the explosion at the house  
of Fred Bradley. These depositions are  
to be supplemented later with evidence  
of an expert on explosives. It is con-  
tended by the defense that ten pounds  
of dynamite exploded as Orchard swears  
the Bradley bomb was, would have  
blown Bradley to pieces and destroyed  
the whole front of the house.

## To Attack Orchard

After the deposition there will be  
additional testimony to show that be-  
fore he fled from Coeur d'Alene in 1899  
Orchard attempted to sell his interest  
in the Hercules mine, and then there  
will be a showing as to the movements  
and actions of Jack Simpkins when he  
went to Denver in the fall of 1905 after  
having parted with Orchard at Cald-  
well. This will practically conclude  
the case with the exception of the tes-  
timony of Moyer and Haywood. Steve  
Adams will not be called by the defense.  
To call him would be to open the way  
for the state to get his repudiated con-  
fession before the jury and it is deemed  
better strategy to avoid that.

## Will Tell Life Story

The direct evidence of Haywood will,  
according to a statement of the defense,  
be very extended. He will be taken  
over a sketch of his life that will em-  
brace all its important events, includ-  
ing his connection with the Federation,  
with which his later life has been closely  
interwoven. It is claimed that there  
will be no limits established for his  
protection and the gate will be open  
to the fullest and widest cross exami-  
nation the prosecution desires to make.

Haywood himself will explain the  
\$100 sent to Jack Simpkins nine days  
before the Steunenberg murder and that  
it was the balance of the Federation ex-  
pense account Simpkins left with Hay-  
wood to be forwarded to him at his  
home in Spokane. The presentation of  
the state's case in rebuttal will possibly  
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